

LADIES WILL HELP.

They Will Lend Their Efforts to Make the Reunion a Success.

MORE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Five Thousand Dollars Additional Needed to Insure the Success of the Undertaking—Kentucky and Louisiana Sponsors.

The reunion may be said to be almost upon us. The few weeks that remain before the whole South will be journeying on its way to the capital of the Confederacy, will be crowded with work for the various committees, and the will not hang heavily on their hands. It is now conceded that the largest crowd that ever assembled in Richmond will be here on the occasion of the reunion, it being said that the gathering will far surpass in numbers that of the unveiling of the Lee monument.

One of the features of the great Confederate reunion will be the part the women of the South will take in it. As is known, there will be a sponsor from each of the thirteen Southern States, while Maryland has also been asked to choose one of her daughters to represent her in this fair gathering.

These young girls, each of whom



MRS. E. D. HOTCHKISS, (Chairman, Education Committee.) will be a fair type of that beauty for which the women of the South are noted, will, of course, have to be entertained in true Virginia fashion, and no one could do this better than the daughters of the Confederacy, who will have the young ladies in charge.

THE BIG CONCERT.

Then the big concert, to be gotten up under the auspices of the ladies of the different memorial associations, with Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss at their head, will form a most attractive part of the reunion exercises. No progress has yet been made in getting up this entertainment, but it is very probable that the Wednesday Club will be called upon to tender their services, and help in swell the musical chorus, which is to sing the songs that "Johnny Reb" loved to hum, while treading the picket-lines, and thinking of those he had left behind in his own southern home. These melodies, many of them unknown to the present generation, will awaken old memories in the hearts of the veterans, to whom the strains of "I'm a Good Old Rebel" and "When the Cause Was Over" are not quite forgotten.

KENTUCKY'S SPONSOR.

One by one the different Southern States are being heard from in regard to the sponsors. Miss Julia Hughes Spurr has been appointed sponsor for Kentucky. She is the daughter of Richard A. and Ruth Spurr, of Fayette county, Ky.

Hon. Richard A. Spurr was captain in the Eighth Kentucky Cavalry, Clarke's Regiment, General John A. Morgan's command, and was with Morgan on the famous Ohio raid. He has since served for ten



years in the lower House and Senate of Kentucky.

Miss Spurr graduated from Sayre Female Institute, Lexington, Ky., which institution has for its principal Major H. B. McCallan, of General J. E. B. Stuart's staff; then finished her education under Madame Lefebvre, in Baltimore. She comes from good old Virginia ancestry, on the paternal side, from the Montgomeries, Edmonsons, Winters, Cottons, Chandlers, and Robinsons, and on the maternal side she numbers among her ancestors the Pattons, Campbells, Humes, Hughes, and Pops, and is seven times entitled to be a daughter of the Revolution. She was one of the original charter members of the Lexington Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Louisiana has appointed as her representative Miss Virginia Nichols, whose father is Chief Justice P. T. Nichols. He was a gallant soldier during the late war, and rose to the rank of brigadier-general. He lost an arm and leg while fighting on the battle-field of this State.

From the following letter it would seem that the number of pretty girls in Missouri is handicapping the commanding-general there in selecting a sponsor for that State:

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Dear Sir—Your letter of May 6th to hand. I will answer that a sponsor has not been selected for Missouri yet, but will be on the 24 day of June. We have



MISS VIRGINIA N. NICHOLS, (Sponsor for Louisiana.)

seventy camps in the State, and have so many beautiful ladies, all of them descendants of the mothers and fathers of Old Virginia, that it is a difficult matter to select from so many, but as soon as a board of officers determine who the

lady will be, we will let you know her name. Yours very truly,

J. O. SHELLEY, MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Dispatch on last Sunday published official statements from several of the

committees. The following constitute the

committees: F. W. Mahood (chairman), E. P. Cox (secretary), Dr. Leslie Spence, Jr., Minnette Polk, Dr. George Baughman, Robert Lecky, Jr., Lewis W. Brander, W. P. Wickham, Gervais Stone, Jr., Newton Lockwood, and J. B. Stuart (ex-officio member).

The committee addressed letters to all the camps of Sons of Veterans in the State, asking the number of members from each camp who would attend the reunion, and to step up the number of members, as soon as possible from all camps who have not as yet answered. Address the chairman, Box 12, Richmond, Va.

The committee will establish headquarters in some central part of the city, to which the Sons will be marched on their arrival and welcomed. Each member will be requested to register, which will be given him, which will entitle him to be served at any of the committee's assigned his camp. This badge will also enable him to be identified in case he is taken sick or meets with an accident.

MANY SONS TO BE HERE.

The committee will have sub-committees to meet each camp as it arrives, and will furnish them with food and lodging. They will in the future complete their arrangements as to the entertainment of the Sons at night, and will make them a pleasant one. The following camps

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cadets here on June 30th and July 1st and 2d.

AS TO DECORATIONS. Richmond, Va., May 15, 1896.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Dear Sir—I suppose you will be

beautified decorated at the great reunion of the Confederate camps June 30th and July 1st and 2d. Our Capitol building, to the hearts of all the old soldiers, should wear the same appearance on this memorable occasion. If our City Hall was illuminated at night, and kept open until midnight it would be interesting to hundreds of visitors, as well as pleasing to the eye.

Let us be as business as well as our homes wear bright and gay colors, and the pleasing sight to the thousands of visitors will be greatly appreciated.

TRAVELLER.

The representatives of the camps in New Orleans have chosen Governor Nichols as the orator of the day for the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to Louisiana soldiers at Winchester.

It will take place July 4th. A poem, to be written by Miss Mary Ashley Townsend, is also to be read on that occasion.

DEMAND FOR LOW RATES.

Captain Thomas Eliett is receiving many letters from points west of the Mississippi complaining of the rates which prevail in that section, which they say, unless reduced, will deter hundreds from attending the reunion, who would otherwise be here on that occasion.

Each organization of the Grand Camp that attends the reunion will receive a banner to be carried in the parade. It will be made of white oil-cloth, lettered in red, and will be 42x36 inches in dimensions. On the top of the banner will appear the name of the camp, in the center, a Confederate battle-flag, and at the bottom, the number of the organization. It is also understood that these banners will be sent to the camps in the State that are not represented here on the occasion of the reunion.

The Richmond alumni of the Virginia Military Institute will hold a meeting tomorrow evening at 6:15 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce, to take action in regard to seeing what can be done to enable the cadets at the Virginia Military Institute to attend the reunion. The present cadet corps, which numbered 100, and their friends of the institution are very anxious that they shall be here.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held Friday night. The election of officers was deferred till the 29th, when it is expected there will be a very large meeting.

Very gratifying reports were made by the Committees of Arrangements and Finance, as to the results, financially, of the late entertainment of the National Congress, Sons of American Revolution. Its grand success in other respects was shown by a cable of President Henry from Hon. John Whitehead of New Jersey. It was ordered that the letter be printed, and it can be found below. Other members had received letters of similar complimentary import from Secretary-General, Treasurer-General, and the same Judge Whitehead.

Four new members were admitted—A. Helme Blair, J. S. Moore, A. P. Staples, of Roanoke, and Dr. R. B. Perche, of Norfolk.

Messrs. Henry, Williams, Brock, and White were appointed a committee to revise the constitution of the society.

The following is Mr. Whitehead's letter to Mr. Henry:

Morrisstown, N. J., May 2, 1896.

William Wirt Henry, Esq., President, etc.

My Dear Sir—I await myself of my very first leisure moment after my return from Richmond to perform every pleasant duty. I desire, in behalf of the delegation from New Jersey and of myself, to thank you and your society and the people of Richmond, and most especially the ladies, for the magnificent reception which you and the National Congress of Sons of the American Revolution, held in your city April 20th, ultimo. We desire that you all should feel that we present these thanks heartily, and sincerely, with the due appreciation of all your kindness and of your unbounded hospitality. I am very glad that our meeting was held in Richmond. It brought us face to face with another. I hope it will do your society strength and invigorate you to renewed exertion. I know that it has done us great good. Now that the prospect of union is so excellent, let us move together, united and strong, and aid in accomplishing the grand objects of our association.

I beg you to present my regards to Mrs. Henry, and to say to her that I send her a slight memorial of our most delightful visit to Richmond, which I beg her to accept. I also send to her a duplicate of the book I transmit her, and beg her to do me the favor to write with her own hand the proper inscription for presentation to the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution with which she is connected.

I am, my dear Sir, sincerely and truly, your friend, J. WHITEHEAD, President New Jersey Society, Sons of American Revolution.

NO CASE AGAINST FREEBERG.

None of the Witnesses Recognize Him as the Man They Dealt With.

A brief examination in the Police Court yesterday in the case of C. A. Freeberg, Richmond agent for the Cincinnati Publishing and Novelty Company, charged with defrauding H. C. Holden out of \$5, resulted in the discharge of the accused.

The defendant was represented by George E. Wise and Captain M. L. Spettwood, while Commonwealth's Attorney H. M. Smith, Jr., conducted the prosecution. Holden and his wife were placed on the stand as witnesses, and a number of other people, who claimed to have been duped. In each case, however, the witnesses failed to identify Freeberg as the man with whom they made the contract, and the case was dismissed.

Mr. Freeberg told a Dispatch reporter after the case had been dismissed that the business would go on just the same as before. He said that the matter was caused entirely by a misunderstanding. Those who are unfortunately victims of the misunderstanding, however, still believe that they have been misled.

Emmett Childs (colored) was before court, charged with setting fire to the dwelling of Dr. L. Siegel on Friday night. Childs was seen by a colored woman coming from the back-yard of the residence about five minutes before the blaze was discovered. The woman, whose name was Laura Latham, recognized the man, and shortly after the fire had been extinguished Officer Gibson arrested Childs. Justice Crutcheid sent the case on to the grand jury. The evidence, though, which the case is, is strongly against Childs, who was formerly employed by Dr. Siegel, and discharged some time ago. The would-be house-burner used kerosene oil as a means of starting the blaze, which was quickly extinguished.

The case of Thomas Crew, charged with assaulting W. P. Crew, was continued until the 19th, on account of the absence of important witnesses. Crew was also charged with resisting Police-man C. M. Johnson in the discharge of his duty. This case was dismissed, upon request of the defense.

George Oliver, charged with stealing a lot of coal, the property of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was required to give security of \$100, sixty days.

The case of W. H. Hope (colored), charged with stealing one ham from James T. Vaughan, was dismissed.

John Thomas was fined \$10 for beating George Botkin and Myrtle Rose on the latter's premises.

Orders for printing sent to the Dispatch Company will be given prompt attention, and the style of work and prices will be sure to please you.

ONE OBJECT IN VIEW.

GETTING READY FOR THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Stanton Certain She Can Take Care of the Crowd—The Committee Rooms—A Fine and Sweet-Toned Bell—Notes.

STANTON, VA., May 14.—(Special.)—Everybody up here,